



Fraudulent Online Pharmacies Scam

With the high cost of medications, some individuals look for ways to save money. Because of their financial situation they may resort to purchasing their drugs from online pharmacies.

The problem:

- How can you tell if you are dealing with a bona fide or bogus company?
- The medications may not be safe. 
- The medications may be counterfeit. 
- You may open yourself to identity theft using these fake pharmacies.
- Many phony pharmacies are based in Canada and overseas countries. Often these pharmacies have organized crime connections.
- Fake pharmacies don't sell safe medications

Crime Prevention Tips:

- ✓ Be sure pharmacy requires a prescription from a licensed physician.
- ✓ Make sure pharmacy has contact information, address and phone number.
- ✓ Don't give out any personal information before you read website privacy policy. Make sure website is secure.
- ✓ Be aware of membership fees and know what you will receive if you sign up.

For more information concerning the safety of online pharmacy's go to the **FDA** U.S. Food and Drug Administration Be Safe RX.

<http://www.fda.gov/Drugs/ResourcesForYou/Consumers/BuyingUsingMedicineSafely/BuyingMedicinesOvertheInternet/BeSafeRxKnowYourOnlinePharmacy/default.htm>

Another source:

National Association of Boards of Pharmacy NABP

<http://www.nabp.net/programs/accreditation/vipps/find-a-vipps-online-pharmacy>